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1. LOCAL PANAM REPRESENTATIVE MET EARLY AUGUST 20 WITH SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL SECRETARY DEBRAH TO DISCUSS GOG DECISIONS ON PENDING US-GHANAIAN BILATERAL. ACCORDING TO PANAM REP, DEBRAH RECONSIDERED PANAM REQUEST FOR FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO NAIROBI AND HAS ALREADY INITIATED THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO GET SMC APPROVAL. HE SUGGESTED PANAM APPROACH GOG CIVIL AVIATION ABOUT RIGHTS TO NAIROBI IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, DWEMOH, IN TALK AUGUST 20 WITH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, SUGGESTED PANAM SEEK TO RESUME THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY AND REQUEST RIGHTS TO NAIROBI LATER. DWEMOH SEEMED IGNORANT OF DEBRAH'S ACTION.

3. WITH REGARD TO INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF PANAM IN GHANA, (PARA II OF LETTER, REFTEL), DWEMOH INTERPRETS DECISION AS EXEMPTING PANAM NOW IF GHANA AIRWAYS GIVEN RECIPROCAL TREATMENT WHEN IT BEGINS OPERATIONS TO US. PARAGRAPH IV OF LETTER, CONFIDENTIAL

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(REFTEL), FREES PANAM FROM TAX LIABILITY ON PAST INCOME.

AWAITING DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.

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